

Music Makers Spread Holiday Cheer

Submitted by Mary Kay Wilder

Tallahassee Women's Newcomers Club members look forward to the annual holiday show provided by their very own Music Makers. They were delighted with this year's production that included Christmas and Hanukkah songs. The Music Makers went on to spread the joy of the season at Elf Night at The Villas of Killearn Lakes and at The Grove at Canopy where residents could listen or sing along. TWNC's Music Makers have performed at St. Augustine Plantation retirement community, Elder Day Stay adult day care center, Christ Presbyterian Church, Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, senior groups, Alzheimer facilities, assisted living facilities, and other community groups. To request a performance or to find out more information, please contact Vanessa Pinto at vjpinto09@gmail.com.

Music Makers is one of thirty-three subgroups in TWNC (Tallahassee Women's Newcomers Club). They have performed country music, oldies, Broadway hits, and various decades of pop hits from the 1930's to present day. The Music Makers started in 2000 with five members and has grown to the largest group in TWNC. They have about twenty-six members and practice every Monday at Fellowship Presbyterian Church. They have had three directors in twenty-four years – Betty Steffen, Carol Lee, and Vanessa Pinto. Vanessa was a middle school music teacher for thirty-six years and was the accompanist for the group before taking on directorship in 2019.

Tallahassee Women's Newcomers Club has no requirement to be new to Tallahassee and no limit on how long members can remain a "newcomer." Annual dues are minimal, and many activities are free. There is a club activity waiting for you. Joining allows you to explore and deepen your interests, make lasting friendships, and create memories. TWNC has been enhancing the lives of the women of Tallahassee for 51 years and has close to 180 members. If interested in more information, please visit our website at <http://tallahasseenewcomers.com> and/or email our membership chair at tlhnewcomers@gmail.com. Let us welcome you as a new friend!



Music Makers provide the December Luncheon program for TWNC at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.



TWNC members admire the talent the Music Makers demonstrate.



Caroling for Elf Night at the Villas of Killlearn Lakes spreads joy.



These ladies' spirit shines through for all who enjoy their performance.



Residents of one of the Villas at Killearn Lakes get ready to enjoy the Music Makers caroling.



Jeanne Ireland introduces the next song for the residents at The Grove at Canopy.



Vanessa Pinto accompanies and leads the Music Makers as they encourage residents to sing along at The Grove at Canopy.